

# JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

June 26, 2024

The Judicial Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the lower-level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on June 26, 2024, at 7:45 a.m.

## BOARD PRESENT

Theo McCalvin, Vice Chair  
Keith Berkshire  
Kelley Durham  
Kelli Flinchbaugh  
Sonia Martinez  
Joshua Rogers

## BOARD ABSENT

Kent Cattani, Chairperson

## STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Anderson  
Carrie Pile  
Alfred Smith

### 1. Meeting called to order and roll call.

Vice Chairperson McCalvin called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m. and conducted a roll call.

Vice Chairperson McCalvin excused Chairperson Cattani from the entire meeting.

### 2. Items from Citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

### 3. Review and discuss schedule and appointment process related to the appointment of two new City Magistrates.

Deputy City Clerk Lisa Anderson provided an overview of the upcoming appointment cycle.

In response to a question from Vice Chairperson McCalvin, Deputy City Attorney Alfred Smith clarified that a minimum of six candidates are required to be interviewed for the two vacancies per Mesa City Code.

Responding to a question by Boardmember Martinez, Mr. Smith informed the Board that Judge Schumacher has chosen to withdraw his reappointment application for personal reasons. He added that the two vacancies were created from Presiding Magistrate Tatz and Magistrate Schumacher resigning.

Ms. Anderson confirmed that Judge Novell would be the only candidate reviewed by the Board for reappointment in the next cycle.

### 4. Convene an executive session to discuss or consider the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion or resignation of a public officer, appointee, or employee of the City in accordance with [A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1)].

It was moved by Boardmember Durham, seconded by Boardmember Flinchbaugh, that the Board enter into an Executive Session at 7:49 a.m.

AYES – McCalvin–Berkshire–Durham–Flinchbaugh–Martinez–Rogers  
NAYS – None  
ABSENT – Cattani

Vice Chairperson McCalvin declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

- a. Appointment of City Magistrates – Board to select top candidates to interview (minimum of six).
- b. Finalize and assign interview questions and reference checks for selected candidates.

(At 8:26 a.m. the Executive Session adjourned, and the Board reconvened their regular meeting.)

5. Announce the names of selected candidates to be interviewed.

Vice Chairperson McCalvin announced the individuals set to be interviewed are as follows:

1. Ruben Aranda
2. Geoffrey Balon
3. Jacob Brown
4. Kevin Breger
5. Amy Haley
6. Kerry Rait
7. Alexia Sedillo

Vice Chairperson McCalvin stated that Lorie Patrick would be considered as an alternate should a named candidate withdraw their application.

It was moved by Boardmember Flinchbaugh, seconded by Boardmember Berkshire, that the seven listed candidates move forward to be interviewed at the next Judicial Advisory Board meeting.

AYES – McCalvin–Berkshire–Durham–Flinchbaugh–Martinez–Rogers  
NAYS – None  
ABSENT – Cattani

Vice Chairperson McCalvin declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

Next meeting:

July 31, 2024, 7:45 a.m.  
Lower-Level Council Chambers  
57 E. First Street

7. Adjourn.

Without objection, the Judicial Advisory Board adjourned at 8:29 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Judicial Advisory Board meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK

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